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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 1. (Canceled)

1 2. (Canceled)

1 3. (Canceled)

1 4. (Canceled)

1 5. (Canceled)

1 6. (Presently Amended) A method for performing  
2 participant identification in a conference of a plurality of  
3 participants, comprising the steps of:  
4 performing a simple speech algorithm to detect  
5 detecting a change in an active participant among a set of the  
6 plurality of participants using an endpoint telecommunication  
7 unit by the endpoint telecommunication unit whereby the  
8 speech algorithm only determines the change in the active  
9 participant and not the identity of the active participant;  
10 signaling the detected change to a conference unit by  
11 the endpoint telecommunication unit; and

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12 determining the identity of a new active participant of  
13 the set of the plurality of participants by the conference unit  
14 performing voice recognition to identify the new active  
15 participant in response to the signaled change whereby the  
16 conference unit processes speech information from only the  
17 endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 7. (Canceled)

1 8. (Presently Amended) The method of claim [7] 6  
2 wherein the endpoint telecommunication unit is a  
3 telecommunication terminal.

1 9. (Presently Amended) The method of claim [7] 6  
2 wherein the endpoint telecommunication unit is a remote switch  
3 connecting a telecommunication terminal used by a subset of  
4 the set of the plurality of participants to the conference unit.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the step  
2 of detecting comprises determining a use of a speakerphone on  
3 the endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 11. (Presently Amended) A system for providing a  
2 conference, comprising:  
3 a conference unit;  
4 a system controller;

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5 a plurality of endpoint telecommunication units;  
6 system controller establishing the conference for a set  
7 of participants using a plurality of endpoint telecommunication  
8 units;  
9 one of the plurality of endpoint telecommunication  
10 units providing service for a subset of the set of the plurality of  
11 participants, performing a simple speech algorithm to detect  
12 detecting a change in a new active participant of the subset of  
13 the set of the plurality of participants whereby the speech  
14 algorithm only determines the change in the active participant  
15 and not the identity of the active participant and signaling the  
16 change to the system controller;  
17 system controller responsive to the signaled change to  
18 request the conference unit identify the new active participant of  
19 the subset of the set of the plurality of participants; and  
20 the conference unit identifying the new active  
21 participant by performing voice recognition to identify the new  
22 active participant and signaling the identity to the system  
23 controller.

1 12. (Canceled)

1 13. (Presently Amended) The system of claim [12] 11  
2 wherein the one of the plurality of endpoint telecommunication  
3 units is a telecommunication terminal.

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1           14. (Presently Amended) The system of claim [12] 11  
2 wherein the one of the endpoint telecommunication units is a  
3 remote switch connecting a telecommunication terminal used  
4 by a subset of the set of the plurality of participants to the  
5 conference unit.

1           15. (Canceled)

1           16. (Canceled)

1           17. (Canceled)

1           18. (Canceled)

1           19. (Canceled)

1           20. (Canceled)

1           21. (Presently Amended) A ~~processor~~ computer-  
2 readable medium comprising ~~processor~~ computer-executable  
3 instructions configured for:  
4           performing a simple speech algorithm to detect  
5 ~~detecting~~ a change in an active participant among a set of the  
6 plurality of participants using an endpoint telecommunication  
7 unit by the endpoint telecommunication unit whereby the

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8 speech algorithm only determines the change in the active  
9 participant and not the identity of the active participant;  
10 signaling the detected change to a conference unit by  
11 the endpoint telecommunication unit; and  
12 determining the identity of a new active participant of  
13 the set of the plurality of participants by the conference unit  
14 performing voice recognition to identify the new active  
15 participant in response to the signaled change whereby the  
16 conference unit processes speech information from only the  
17 endpoint telecommunication unit.

1 22. (Canceled)

1 23. (Presently Amended) The ~~processor~~ computer-  
2 readable medium of claim 22 21 wherein the endpoint  
3 telecommunication unit is a telecommunication terminal.

1 24. (Presently Amended) The ~~processor~~ computer-  
2 readable medium of claim 22 21 wherein the endpoint  
3 telecommunication unit is a remote switch connecting a  
4 telecommunication terminal used by the set of the plurality of  
5 participants to the conference unit.

1 25. (Presently Amended) The ~~processor~~ computer-  
2 readable medium of claim 21 wherein the detecting comprises

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- 3 determining a use of a speakerphone on the endpoint
- 4 telecommunication unit.